

Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality VWP and SPGP Permit Reissuance

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Brenda will provide a summary of updates from the Virginia DEQ related to the Virginia Water Protection (VWP) Program covering the updated VWP General Permit as well as the SPGP issued on behalf of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.





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Virginia Water Protection (VWP) General Permits

- Existing 4 VWP general permits and coverages expire Aug. 1, 2026
- Reissued regulations become effective Aug. 2, 2026 - **VA Administrative Code website to be updated on effective date**
- No significant changes

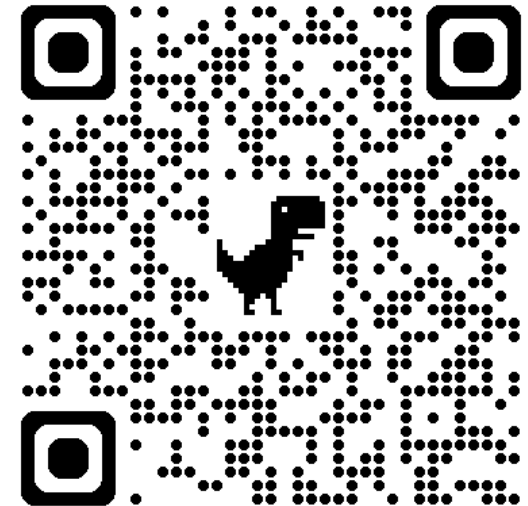


VWP GP Coverage with Nationwide Permit Certifications

- Many activities covered under NWP will not require a VWP permit action
- A VWP permit action may be necessary if:
 - Activities are not completed under a 2021/2022 NWP by March 2027
 - Activities are not regulated under NWPs (e.g., surface water withdrawals, certain excavation)
 - Activities typically require a VWP IP (surface water withdrawals, certain gas pipelines)
 - An Approved Jurisdictional Determination was used to limit the scope of the NWP activities (i.e., state-only impacts will be taken after Aug. 1, 2026)

More info at

<https://www.deq.virginia.gov/news-info/shortcuts/permits/water/wetlands-streams-vwp> under “Related Permits”



VWP GP Coverage with State Programmatic General Permits

- Activities covered under 2026 SPGPs require a VWP permit action
- Existing 22-SPGP permittees who need to continue activities previously authorized by DEQ after August 1, 2026:
 - Submit DEQ *Notification of Need for Project Continuation Checklist (and fee if applicable)*
 - Receive coverage effective August 2, 2026
 - June 18, 2026 - Last day to submit a Checklist without risk of gap in coverage

DEQ Checklist and more information at

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